

Franklin County Council Meeting (moved to) Conference Room #101 at 7:00 p.m.

Those present:

Donald "Butch" Williams  
Hollie Sintz  
Kenneth Rosenberger  
Carroll Lanning  
Martha Bergman  
Jeff Koch (arrived at II)

Elected officials:  
Thomas Wilson  
Eric Roberts  
Don Vonder Meulen

Franklin County Auditor:  
Carol L. Monroe

\*Donald "Butch" Williams opens with pledge; some of us just went to the courthouse and toured the construction progress

- I. Minutes (October 23, 2007)
  - a. Kenneth Rosenberger – move to accept minutes
  - b. Hollie Sintz – seconds the motion
  - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- II. Transfer of Funds / **Resolution 2007-31**
  - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads transfers
  - b. Carroll Lanning – move to accept resolution
  - c. Hollie Sintz – seconds the motion
  - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- III. Amended Salary **Ordinance 2007-19**
  - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads amendment (E-911 part time help)
  - b. Carroll Lanning – move to accept salary ordinance
  - c. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
  - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- IV. Additional Appropriation / **Resolution 2007-28**
  - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads additional and reductions
  - b. Hollie Sintz – move to accept 2007-28b
  - c. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
  - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
  - e. Kenneth Rosenberger – motion to approve a
  - f. Carroll Lanning – seconds the motion
  - g. Donald "Butch" Williams - all in favor; motion carried
- V. Homestead rebate
  - a. Carol L. Monroe – reviews council giving permission (for funds). Original proposal from Harris was at \$2.00 per parcel. Auditor's around state got together and got a better rate. We have a rate now of fifty-seven cents per parcel.
  - b. Donald "Butch" Williams - what do you want from us?
  - c. Thomas Wilson – a blessing.
  - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – that is a good reduction; good idea (blessing given)
- VI. Collection Update
  - a. Rebecca Oglesby – today we took in \$600,000.00 just in walk-in's. Everything that we did today means nothing. It starts in the auditor's office and I don't know what happened; but they put a penalty program on and everything paid on 11/13 is going to have penalties. Talked to the Manatron people tonight; it is a calendar thing generated in the auditor's office; I don't know what happened. We never put that penalty program on until the next week. I have twenty crates of mail in my office-I bet there is five million dollars back there. I have to wait and stop, we may have to individually pull each transaction out we did Friday and today to clear it out. We have to put them back on so they don't put on a penalty. They think development can wipe out all the transactions that have 11/13 and can reset the system.
  - b. Eric Roberts – you have a lot of people that got envelopes all day long and stuffed the box out here.
  - c. Rebecca Oglesby – thank god I didn't put first American on. They have a check in there for \$860,000.00. everything has come to a grinding halt, I can't invest money; I will do it my way. The Auditor's office can't do it. My office is at a stand still until we get this fixed. The buck stops in my office. My office works awfully hard and we try to do things right. I don't know what happens in the auditor's office.
  - d. Carol L. Monroe – first of all, the memo that I talked to you about today that you said you seen and if you remember our conversation I said my was emailed to me and it was a mass mailing and it went to junk and I did not see it; however you told me you did see it.
  - e. Rebecca Oglesby – we seen it
  - f. Carol L. Monroe – did you read it? Hanging up on Manatron today did not solve the situation. The problem with the calendar they found is the system said 2005 billing cycle. There was no reason for us to go into 2005, it is 2007 now. That is the issue with the calendar, what was you other issue?
  - g. Rebecca Oglesby – the three million
  - h. Carol L. Monroe – the three million, we just can't pull it out of our \_ \_ \_ .
  - i. Rebecca Oglesby – why not?
  - j. Carol L. Monroe - It has to come from somewhere, you want me to pull that out of county general fund. There is not three million dollars sitting in county general! It has to come out of your bank.
  - k. Rebecca Oglesby – I have eight million sitting in the bank; you don't have to pull it anywhere. Type up a check for three million dollars and invest it.

- l. Carol L. Monroe – they money has to come from somewhere; it doesn't come out of the air. You give me a check from that bank
- m. Rebecca Oglesby – I don't issue checks
- n. Carol L. Monroe – I don't have the cash in our funds. We went through this last year this is why the E.P.A. thought we had another five hundred thousand-because you insisted this last year.
- o. Rebecca Oglesby – be glad when the next auditor.
- p. Carol L. Monroe – I am sure you will, are there any other issues you would like to get out on the table this evening
- q. Rebecca Oglesby – that was it.
- r. John Estridge – the people that paid today, they don't have to worry
- s. Carol L. Monroe – what it is doing is showing it in next year's taxes. So when you go into our system and look it doesn't show in '06 pay '07 it shows in '07 pay '08 as a credit into next year instead of a current payment. Now what is going to happen is they are going to wipe out what was done today (in essence voiding the transaction) so it can be re-posted to the current year.
- t. Donald "Butch" Williams – I want to know if this is going to get fixed and I want to know that no one in Franklin County that has paid their taxes today it going to get a penalty notice.
- u. Carol L. Monroe – no
- v. Donald "Butch" Williams – (to Rebecca Oglesby) are they? Are they!? Are you going to send a penalty notice? Lets' fix it and for Christ sakes, take care of the tax payers.
- w. Rebecca Oglesby – today we could not tell (who paid)
- x. Donald "Butch" Williams – it was not a software problem?
- y. Rebecca Oglesby – it was a calendar problem
- z. Carol L. Monroe – say you are looking at an excel spreadsheet. The first section says 2007 billing cycle, they the fall/spring then has you date. We did the 2007 billing cycle for spring and fall installment we put 11/13 for beginning and ending. Underneath of that it jumps to 2005-we didn't touch 2005 stuff. Apparently when it was programmed, those columns were keyed in incorrectly. We didn't know that the 2005 (date) was supposed to be 2007; that was something that Manatron caught Friday because some of their counties had a Friday deadline. So every county that they serve had this issue, they were trying to notify the counties who had a deadline of today to go on and change that so they didn't have this issue.
- aa. Rebecca Oglesby – the calendar is not on my side, it is on their side. I haven't had internet for a month
- bb. Carol L. Monroe – did you call RBSK?
- cc. Rebecca Oglesby – I call RSABK and they tell me to call citadel-I will just call the bank
- dd. Donald "Butch" Williams – I understand your frustration. Whatever we got to do to work together to get it fixed. Do you need anything from council?
- ee. Rebecca Oglesby – don't know what Manatron is going to do.
- ff. Donald "Butch" Williams – lets get through this some how. I watch I.T. guys work everyday and they can do amazing things from a thousand miles away. Since they know they had the problem they should have a solution.

## VII. E.P.A. lawsuit

- a. Thomas Wilson – Barnes and Thornburg says we are at the end of the track.. EPA wants \$350,000.00 and Barnes and Thornburg says to defend us in federal court it will cost three to four hundred thousand.
- b. Jeff Koch – we are not going to be able to come up with that
- c. Thomas Wilson – they want us to bond it.
- d. Donald "Butch" Williams – when we were on that conference call I thought maybe we could get closer to two. The E.P.A. knows we are going to spend three hundred thousand one way or the other.
- e. Eric Roberts – even if we would win in court, the cost of an appeal.
- f. Thomas Wilson – do you want us to tell the attorneys to settle?
- g. Carroll Lanning – that would be the easiest and quickest (flip tape)
- h. Donald "Butch" Williams – if we settle are we through
- i. Eric Roberts – with that location

## VIII. Assessor Compliance

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads email about assessor; we are making progress

## IX. Pre-appeal meeting

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – did everything go ok today
- b. Thomas Wilson – yes

## X. Radio system

- a. Tracy Lightfield – up and running. Officers have committed how much clearer it is

## XI. Commissioners

- a. Don Vonder Meulen – Judge Snow has granted John Worth fifteen minutes to argue for monetary settlement and partial payment to me. I have never asked for back pay. Don't think that we should be paid for time we did not serve. Gene wants to know if he should go up.
- b. Eric Roberts – Franklin county has not been brought in as a party.
- c. Thomas Wilson – we haven't been asked to show up.
- d. Donald "Butch" Williams – if you are going to be involved in a suit, you would be subpoenaed. If it should go further and we be named. If gene wants to go (on his own time) I am fine with that.
- e. Don Vonder Meulen – it is going to cost the county nothing for gene to go up and sit.
- f. Donald "Butch" Williams – if it is going to cost us nothing, fine I am not going to say pay him to go up there. We have no more attorney money, you took it all.

## XII. Appeal

- a. Bill – I just wondered how many people are going to go from council.

- b. Donald "Butch" Williams- I stand on my vote but county council decided to go for this and in no way is my not going have anything to do with this. Eric ready sent me an email last week. All the council should not be together on something like that. They didn't want a whole room full of people.

XIII. Adjourn

- a. Kenneth Rosenberger – move to adjourn
- b. Carroll Lanning – seconds the motion
- c. Donald "Butch" Williams – outa here

To be approved 12/11/07